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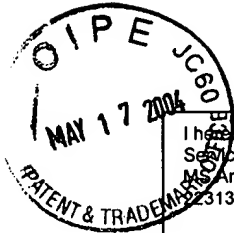
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein, mailed 20 April 2004, time for response to which was set to expire 20 July 2004. All pending claims were rejected on formal grounds.

Applicants sincerely appreciate the withdrawal of the rejections previously made. The amendments and discussion below address the outstanding rejections. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.